

Documents on Diplomacy: Exercises

A Captive's Story

Instructions: Read the documents, *American Slaves in Algiers* and *The Unfortunate Captives*. Answer these questions as you read.

1. Describe your living conditions.
2. Identify the Barbary States.
3. Why is trade in the Mediterranean so diminished for the United States?
4. Richard O'Bryen refers to giving presents to certain government officials in Algiers. Identify these "great men" and their jobs.
5. What is O'Bryen's opinion of war between Algiers and the United States?
6. Assess the diplomatic actions of the Neapolitans (Naples), Spanish, and French.
7. Explain the role of Charles Logie.
8. What is O'Bryen's opinion of John Lamb?
9. What is the tone of O'Bryen's letters?
10. Imagine yourself meeting with the Dey of Algiers. Describe your surroundings. What would you say to the Dey?